GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2415
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CONTAMINATION OF GROUND WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether ground water in several parts of the country has been found to be highly contaminated with lead and uranium;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the name of the places from where the samples were drawn and the level of contamination found therein, State-wise; and

(c) the action plan formulated to free ground water contamination alongwith the time frame fixed therefor, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) According to studies carried out by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), the presence of lead in ground water more than the permissible limit of 0.05 milligram/litre is reported in certain pockets in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh, as per details annexed. The CGWB has not analyzed the presence of uranium in ground water. The Union Ministry of Rural Development under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) provides technical and financial assistance to the State for tackling water quality problems.

ANNEXURE

(REFERENCE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2415 DATED 15.12.2008)

Parts of the districts affected by excess Lead contamination in ground water

S.No.	Name of the State	Name of the Districts Lead (>0.05 mg/litre)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Rangareddy, Nalagonda
2.	Delhi	Along the Najafgarh drain in North, West and Southwest districts
3.	Haryana	Hissar, Bhiwani, Rewari, Mahendragarh, Gurgaon, Faridabad
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu(Gangyal), Bari Brahma
5.	Madhya Pradesh	Balaghat, Barwani,Damoh, Datia, Dewas, Dhar, Dindori, Guna, Gwalior, Raisen, Rajgarh, Satna, Sehore, Shajapur, Shivpuri, Vidisha
6.	Maharashtra	Ahmed Nagar, Akola, Aurangabad, Beed, Buldana, Dhule, Gadchiroli, Jalna, Kolhapur, Latur, Nagpur, Nanded, Osamabad, Parbhani, Pune, Sangli, Wardha, Washim, Yavatmal

7 Punjab Amritsar, Jallandhar, Patiala, Muktsar

8. Rajasthan Jhunjhunu Dist (Khetri Copper Deposit), Pali, Jaipur (Sambhar Lake, Sanganer)

9. Tamil Nadu Dindigul, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram

10. Uttar Pradesh Muzzafar Nagar, Mathura, Moradabad, Allahabad, Bhadohi, Ghaziabad, Jaunpur, Kanpur, Raebareli